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**Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/474,326**  
Our Docket #E-977

Enclosed please find the Amendment in response to an Office Action mailed March 26, 2004, together with the Amendment Transmittal Letter.

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Applicant	:	Thomas J. Foth et al.		
Filed	:	December 29, 1999		
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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

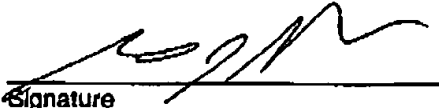
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